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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 24, 2004
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 3:44 p.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John F. Cook, Daniel S. Power, Paul J. Escobar, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: None.

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AGENDA

1. Presentation by Fortis Debartelo Group regarding Towne Centre Project and incentive request
 2. Presentation by Citizen's Review Committee for the Towne Centre Project
 3. Comments from Members of the Public
 4. Discussion and action on recommendation regarding Towne Centre Project
 5. The Legislative Review Committee of the Whole of the City Council of the City of El Paso will retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.076 to discuss and take action on any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Legislative Review Committee of the Whole of the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
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1. Presentation by Fortis Debartelo Group regarding Towne Centre Project and incentive request

Mr. David Bernard, attorney representing Fortis Debartelo Group, requested a one-week postponement due to the need to meet with the Citizen's Review Committee.

Representatives Cushing, Power, Rojas, Austin and Lozano made comments and/or asked questions of City staff.

Ms. Risher Gilbert, attorney representing Simon Properties, requested a postponement of more than one week, additionally, she requested the ability to scrutinize the deal.

Mr. Richard Schector, member of the public, commented on the need to hear the Fortis Debartelo Group and Citizen's Review Committee presentations and objected to the Citizen's Review Committee not making its findings public yet, while still meeting with the Fortis Debartelo Group.

Mayor Joe Wardy commented that he did not have the recommendations of the Citizen's Review Committee.

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Motion made by Representative Cobos, seconded by Representative Cushing and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 4:08 p.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk